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Sir:

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

In response to the non-final Office Action mailed June 11, 2009, Applicant respectfully requests consideration of the following amendments and remarks. A shortened statutory time period for reply is set to expire three (3) months from the mailing date of the Office Action, *i.e.*, on September 11, 2009. A petition for extension of time extending the time of reply one (1) month to and including October 11, 2009 is being filed herewith, along with the extension fee of \$65 for a small entity. October 11, 2009 falls on a Sunday and October 12, 2009 is a federal holiday. Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that the filing of this response on Tuesday, October 13, 2009 is timely.

In response to the Office Action, Applicant requests entrance of the following Amendment and consideration of the following Remarks.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings are reflected in the replacement drawings filed herewith and are discussed beginning on <u>page 4</u> of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the Listing of the Claims that begins on page5 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.